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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PK, PINT  
SUBJECT: VIOLENCE ERUPTS IN PESHAWAR

1. THE NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE HAS BEEN UNUSUALLY QUIET THROUGH-  
OUT THE GOVERNMENT/OPPOSITION CONFRONTATION. WE HAVE BELIEVED  
THIS WAS AN INTENTIONAL OPPOSITION TACTIC TO AVOID THE  
CHARGE THE OPPOSITION MOVEMENT WAS ANTI-PAKISTAN -- A CLAIM  
THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY MAKE IF THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL  
ALLIANCE STARTED AGITATION IN THE FRONTIER. THE QUIET  
ENDED TODAY WITH A REPORT FROM OUR CONSULATE THAT VIOLENCE  
HAS BROKEN OUT IN PESHAWAR.

2. OUR CONSUL REPORTS THAT THE NATIONWIDE STRIKE CALLED  
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FOR TODAY HAS BEEN GENERALLY EFFECTIVE IN PESHAWAR  
WITH MOST PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION OFF THE STREETS AND  
ALMOST ALL PRIVATE BUSINESSES CLOSED. GOVERNMENT OFFICES  
AND BANKS REMAINED OPEN FOR MOST OF THE DAY. AN OPPOSITION  
PROCESSION IN SADAR (IN THE NEW CITY) BEGAN STONING A STATE  
BANK BUILDING THIS MORNING. THE POLICE AND FEDERAL SECURITY  
FORCE OPENED FIRE ON THE CROWD AND ACCORDING TO LOWER

LEVEL POLICE SOURCES, FOUR TO SIX PEOPLE WERE KILLED  
AND "MANY" WOUNDED.

3. FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING, THE STREETS BEGAN TO FILL UP  
WITH DEMONSTRATORS WHO STONED A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS. ROCKS  
WERE THROWN AT THE USAID OFFICE, BUT OUR CONSUL SAYS NOT  
BECAUSE IT WAS A USG OFFICE BUILDING. FOLLOWING AFTERNOON  
PRAYERS, A PNA PROCESSION WAS BROKEN UP WHEN THE POLICE  
LATHI-CHARGED THE MARCHERS.

4. CONSUL PESHAWAR REPORTS THAT AS OF 16600 LOCAL OPPOSITION  
SUPPORTERS ARE OUT IN NUMBERS IN THE STREETS OF THE OLD  
AND NEW CITIES. THE ARMY IS NOT IN EVIDENCE AND THE POLICE  
AND FSF STILL SEEM RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW AND ORDER. POLICE  
SOURCES ALSO STATE THEY HAVE PICKED UP UNSUBSTANTIATED  
REPORTS THAT BOTH THE PPP AND THE PNA HAVE GIVEN ORDERS  
TO THEIR SUPPORTERS TO ARM THEMSELVES. SAME SOURCES  
SPECULATE THAT IF THESE REPORTS ARE TRUE, AND IN LIGHT  
OF TODAY'S SHOOTINGS, THERE IS STRONG POSSIBILITY OF  
CURFEW BEING IMPOSED IN THE CITY BEGINNING THIS EVENING.  
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